Dear Joe, 2/2/92

We did not see your note of the 27th until we got down into the box of those stupenduous tangelos. As I told you in a brief note I placed in an envelope I was about to mail you, we do appreciate your thoughtfulness and willingness to go to that trouble and expense. This makes the beautiful fruit even more beautiful. What I've also observed is that it is less acidic in addition to being naturally sweeter and fantastically juicier. So, Lil getting up later, the first thing I think of each morning when I peel one is of your thoughtfulness and your generosity. For which our sincerest thanks.

I'm glad you got the Frederick magazine but I'm sorry what I expected to be included about Lil wasn't. The editor who wrote the story has in mind a way of correcting the omission, of Lil's indispensibility in what I've done and do.

Which leads me to a disagreement with you, and I hope you do not mistake this for my not appreciating all the nice and flattering things you said, "don't waste your seed on fallow fellows like Oliver Stone."

Aside from crass commercialism and explitation of the great tragedy Stone has rewritten our history. Among other things he has made a phony hero of a monster who did incalculable harm to efforts to ascertain and make known the truth about what did have the effect of a coup d'etat. This in itself is a danger to representative society that has for more than a decade been under resolute attack in the Reabush drive toward authoritarianism. So at the least I have already made or been largely responsible for making a correct record for history. I regard doing this as important. Had things gone otherwise I might have accomplished more but they didn't and I to now have accomplished only this. What if anything more eventuates we now cannot know. It is something I regard as important in and of itself and as an indispensible part of the thrust of my work, a study of the workings of the institutions of our society in and after times of stress.

You refer to me as a "majority of one" but in fact I am a minority of one. This means that if I did not do what I did it would not have been done and criticism and exposure of Stone's wretchedness would have been limited to what has no credibility, attacking him by defending the indefensible Warren Report.

I was writing something on that yesterday when a recently retired Green Berets colonel, who was here before he retired, came to discuss studies he wants to make and possible a book he may want to write. When he left friends picked us up for a pleasant supper with them and so far today, 1:30 p.m., when up for 11 hours, I've not been able to resume that writing because after reading the morning paper the rest of the time was required to make the book packages to be mailed tomorrow. And now I think I'll be sensible and take a little nap before returning to work.

You say, "these oranges are known as honey bells." Aren't they a kind of tangelo? They section easier than tangerines. Again out thanks and our love, Harold